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The Palace

TRYON PALACE HISTORIC SITES & GARDENS

*Gardens are for
gathering*



Grover C. Fields Wins History Bowl

Winning this year's History Bowl hosted by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens in February is this smiling team from Grover C. Fields Middle School: Cameron Kirby, Caity Bodo, Da Htoo, Katie Domke and Emily Price (captain). "I am very proud of this team. They have worked very hard and we are excited about going to Raleigh in May," said team coordinator and faculty member, Marisa Forest.



The History Bowl is a test of students' knowledge of state history and is sponsored by the North Carolina Division of State Historic Sites and the Office of Archives and History in partnership with local units and the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the North Carolina Museum of History and the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies. ♦

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A Gathering in the Gardens

A SUMPTUOUS SPRING EVENING

— IN THE —

TRYON PALACE GARDENS

Appetizers, Desserts, Entertainment, and Incomparable Décor.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 9TH

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

enter at the Eden Street Gate

Presented by Tryon Palace Council of Friends

Proceeds benefit Palace programming

Casual attire - \$25 per person

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On the cover:

A riot of color breaks out every spring in the gardens at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. People travel from far and wide to bask in their glory – reveling in the enchantment of warm sunny days, aromatic breezes and encounters with spirits of yesterday. Some of the gardens can be enjoyed free of charge, others are included with the use of your Council of Friends membership pass or purchase of a ticket. The gardens are open until 6:00 p.m. each day until Memorial Day, then 7:00 p.m. until Labor Day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy a noon-day promenade, a late-afternoon stroll or an extended visit. A bloom list can be found at <http://www.tryonpalace.org/bloominglist.html>.



Tryon Palace's Fife and Drum Corps Marches Forward

By Katherine Brightman, Visitor Services Manager

Through its many public programs, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens brings to life the excitement and color of North Carolina's colonial past. One of its most visible and popular programs is the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps.

Fifers and drummers were an important part of the 18th-century military. The high-pitched sound of the fife made it the perfect instrument to be paired with the drum as it could be heard over the noise of battle. These instruments were an important part of a commander's system of communication with his soldiers on the battlefield as well as in camp.

The sound of fifes and drums was heard at least once in colonial New Bern. When Royal Governor William Tryon's force marched out on April 23, 1771 to engage the Regulators at Alamance, they were accompanied by six drums and probably a similar number of fifes. The fife and drum corps was such an integral part of 18th century military life that it would have been extremely unusual for Tryon not to have one. Fifers and drummers were also provided for in the North Carolina Committee of Safety in 1775, with New Bern as one of the six districts providing "Minute Men and Militia." There may have been a similar corps in New Bern for George Washington's 1791 visit.

In the summer of 2005, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens began the exciting task of re-creating a colonial fife and drum corps. With the support of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends, this effort has proven to be a tremendous success. The Tryon Palace Corps has become an integral part of numerous special events at the Palace throughout the year, including the Fourth-of-July celebration, Stanly-Spaight Duel re-enactment, Christmas Candlelights, and much more. Less



Left to right: Amanda Buffa, Michael Zerby, Kenny Collins, John West (TP fife instructor), Richard Loveless, Jr., (TP drum instructor), Michael Stevens, Josh Fleming, Chad Conner, Bradley Williams.

than three years old, the corps has already grown tremendously in skill and reputation, and is just beginning what may be its most exciting year yet!

This January, the corps traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia to participate in the "January Jam." The informal event featured members from many prestigious fife and drum corps, including Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown, and the Old Guard, who met to share their love of fife and drum music. As a result, the Tryon Palace Corps was invited to perform at Colonial Williamsburg's annual Drummer's Call in May, an invitation-only event featuring corps from across the country. This will be the first of what we hope to be many performances by the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps for audiences throughout the nation.

As our fife and drum corps continues to grow and develop, it will need continuing support. Many of the corps' volunteer musicians are students from Craven and surrounding counties—a fact which necessitates constant efforts to recruit the next generation of members. And, as growing young people, they are constantly outgrowing and wearing out their uniforms. Finally, as the corps gains recognition, and opportunities to travel throughout the region and country increase, funding for trips will be an increasing need.

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens is very proud of its fife and drum corps, the volunteers who make it possible, and the prestige it brings to our community. We invite you to join us with your support for this impressive and entertaining way of bringing history to life.

For more information on how to support the corps, please contact Cheryl Kite, Director of Development at 252-514-4956 or ckite@tryonpalace.org.



Left to right: Abigail Lorentzen, Lindsey Weatherington, Juliette Lafargue, John West (TP fife instructor), Sarah Burke, Amy Lunsford, Kelly Leonhardt, Hunter Langhans



How Do Our Gardens Grow?

by Eva O'Steen, Tryon Palace Gardener

Q: Is it necessary to leave the foliage of my spring bulbs when they are done blooming, or can I cut them to the ground?

A: Do not cut them! It is important to keep foliage on any perennial bulb until the leaves turn yellow. The bulb takes in the nutrients from the foliage and stores them for a larger, much healthier bulb to bloom the following year. Continuously cutting the leaves too early will produce weak bulbs with spindly foliage and smaller or fewer blooms.

Try braiding the foliage, or tying them together, low to the ground. Planting summer annuals around them will also help to hide the unsightly foliage and give you an early start on your summer garden.

Q: I am itching to start planting in my garden. When is it safe to set out flowers and vegetables?

A: In early spring you can continue to plant cool weather flowers such as Pansies, Dianthus, Forget-Me-Nots, and Snapdragons. You can also plant cool season vegetables such as Cabbage, Kale, Cauliflower, and Peas.

Although unlikely, it is still possible to

have some frosty nights in the New Bern area in early April. It is safer to wait until mid-April to set out Tomatoes, Peppers, Impatiens, and Begonias. But don't wait too long-- well established plants have a better chance to survive the summer heat. Planting vegetables early will also allow you to grow two or three crops of many vegetables such as cucumbers, squash, and beans.

With the proper plant selection, a

little preparation and good timing you can have a beautiful garden even in the summer.

You will find a wide selection of plants at our **Spring Heritage Plant Sale** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11 & 12, 2008. Tulips and numerous cool season annuals will be in full bloom. Come tour the Gardens free of charge, and get some ideas for planning your own garden. Volunteers, Craven County Master Gardeners, and Garden staff will be on hand at the sale to answer questions and help you with plant selection.

As a Council of Friends member you can attend our Preview Sale on Thursday, April 10, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your Friends membership card.

It's time to dig in the dirt and quell that spring fever itch!

Eva O'Steen, horticultural technician at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, cares for the 18th century kitchen and English flower gardens and is a Certified Plant Professional.





2007: A History-Making Year

Donors to the *Making History Capital Campaign* in 2007 contributed more than \$2.6 million. Primarily, campaign gifts were for the North Carolina History Education Center, while some were for Palace reinterpretation or endowment. Over \$60 million has been committed to the overall campaign with \$55 million committed to the History Education Center. In 2007, the State of North Carolina made a bountiful additional commitment of \$35 million to bring its campaign total to over \$42 million.

The History Center project is on schedule to be completed for its grand opening in 2010 during New Bern's 300th anniversary. Look for the announcement of the construction ground-breaking in June and a full report on the *Making History Campaign* in the summer edition of *The Palace Magazine*.

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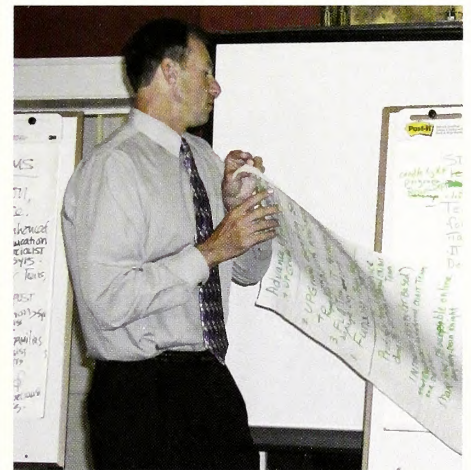
Leadership and Partnerships for Growth and Success

Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens has maintained its accreditation by the American Association of Museums for nearly twenty years. Of the 9,000 Association museums, about 750 achieve accreditation. The Palace's re-accreditation review in 2007 called for considerable time and effort for self study and planning. From across the eastern region and North Carolina, leaders and partners participated in sessions and events that contributed to the review process and supported the on-going growth and success of the entire Palace organization.



Bob Mattocks, Chairman - Tryon Palace Commission; Chairman of Board of Directors - Jenkins The Energy Company. Jeff Minges, President and CEO - Minges Bottling Group.

Sabrina Bengel, Vice Chair - Craven County Tourism Development Authority. Jim Davis, Executive Director - Craven County Economic Development Commission. David Ward, President - Tryon Palace Council of Friends; Ward and Smith, P.A., Attorneys at Law.



Lee Padrick, Chief Planner - Northeastern Regional Office, NC Department of Commerce, leading a strategic planning session.



The Many Ways of Giving in 2007

The success of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens relies on a variety of gifts from generous contributors.
Thank you to all.

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GIFTS IN KIND - 2007

The Collections Society was established in 2007 as an annual society to recognize donors of objects to the collection valued at \$1,000 or more or \$1,000 or more in cash to the Collections Fund. Qualifying collection donors between January 2007 and December 2009 will be recognized permanently as charter members. The 2007 donors of objects qualifying as charter members are noted below by "CSC" in addition to Dr. James Congleton III for his generous cash gift to the Collections Fund.

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April

Thursday, April 10

History After Dark

Speaker: Catherine Bishir, Architectural Historian, NCSU and Preservation North Carolina, Raleigh. "Searching for Donum Montford, an African American Artisan in Antebellum New Bern". 7:00 p.m. FREE. Visitor Center Auditorium. *Catherine Bishir is currently engaged in a research project on African American artisans in New Bern. Her talk focuses on the life of a remarkable man of color, a plasterer and bricklayer who spent half his life as a slave and half as a free man and one of New Bern's leading builders. She will use Montford's story to explore the many sources, methods, and mysteries involved in the detective work of researching people of color before the Civil War. The research project for Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens' "Many Stories/ One History" is funded with a grant from The Wachovia Foundation for on-going African American programming and in preparation for North Carolina History Education Center exhibits.*

Friday-Sunday, April 11, 12, 13

Garden Lovers Weekend

Gardens open Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE Garden Admission, Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket. *Visitors will see the splendor of thousands of tulips in bloom. Garden Lovers Weekend is held in conjunction with the Spring Historic Homes & Gardens Tour, which is sponsored by the New Bern Historical Society and the New Bern Preservation Foundation. (A separate ticket is required for the historic homes tour. Please call (252) 638-8558 for more information.)*

Admission to the following events is free unless otherwise indicated.

History on the Big Screen

Tryon Palace Council of Friends has three movie dates this spring and they would like to share them with you. Show times are at 7 p.m. in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Admission is free.

Tuesday, April 1: *Becoming Jane* (2007). Events from the life of the author Jane Austen (starring Anne Hathaway in the title role) inspired this romantic historical drama, which speculates on a romance that may have had a significant impact on her life and work. When twenty-year-old Jane meets Tom Lefroy (James McAvoy), a young man her own age, she's intrigued. As Tom begins to court Jane, she finds herself increasingly attracted to this poor but keenly intelligent man, though she soon realizes her own ideas about love and marriage are sometimes at odds with the conventions of the society in which she lives.

Tuesday, May 6: *Ethan Frome* (1992). *Ethan Frome* is an adaptation of Edith Wharton's 1911 novella. Set in Massachusetts in the late-19th century, the film relates the sad story of reclusive farmer Ethan Frome (Liam Neeson). Considering himself too homely for romance, he enters into a loveless marriage with the wealthy but spiteful Zeena (Joan Allen). Things become nearly unendurable when Zeena becomes an invalid, imperiously demanding her husband's attentions day and night. Ethan seeks solace in an affair with Zeena's pretty cousin, Mattie Silver (Patricia Arquette), who has arrived to act as housekeeper.

Tuesday, June 3: *Elizabeth, The Golden Age* (2007) - Actress Cate Blanchett returns to her Oscar-nominated role and director Shekhar Kapur steps back into the director's chair for this belated sequel to the critically acclaimed 1998 biopic *Elizabeth* that explores the 16th century romance between the "Virgin Queen" and noted adventurer Sir Walter Raleigh (Clive Owen). Michael Hirst teams with William Nicholson to pen the screenplay, and actor Geoffrey Rush returns to the role of Sir Francis Walsingham.

• **Heritage Plant Sale:** Friday and Saturday on the Palace grounds. Featuring perennials, herbs, annuals, trees, and shrubs grown in our greenhouse, the sale also offers the public a chance to own unique, rare, and historic plants. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer your planting questions. Come early for the best selection! Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

• **Garden Shop:** Open House Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Plenty of food, spring planting ideas, new products and garden resources, and craft demonstrations are scheduled as a new season opens at the Crafts & Garden Shop. (Sunday Hours: Crafts & Garden Shop: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Museum Shop: 1 p.m.-5 p.m.)

• **Fife and Drum Corps Concerts:** Enjoy a short concert by the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps. Performances take place outside on the Palace grounds

throughout the afternoon. (In case of inclement weather, performances will be held in the Visitor Center auditorium.)

Sunday, April 20

African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour

2 p.m. \$4-Adults, \$2-Students. Leaves from Visitor Center Lobby. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. Reservations required: 252-514-4935. (Minimum Enrollment: 10)

Friday, April 25

Natural History Exhibit

"Discovering the New World: Early Naturalists' Accounts of the People, Flora and Fauna of Carolina". Runs

through March 2009. FREE. Visitor Center

The landscape and, in particular, the natural environment define the path of settlement and development of a region. In keeping with our selection of a year-long theme for programming and interpretation, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens will present a natural history exhibit commemorating the 300th anniversary of early Eastern North Carolina explorer John Lawson's journal, A New Voyage to Carolina. The exhibit will feature "animal specimens", botanical prints from our collections, maps, and a video of Lawson's 1700 journey from Charleston to the Pamlico River.

May

Saturday, May 3

Home School Day

"North Carolina's Natural History" 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$10 for students, \$12 for adults (tickets valid 2 consecutive days).

Home-school families enjoy interactive activities as well as tours of the Palace and three other historic homes in this popular event. Bring your picnic lunch and spend time immersed in the past. Activities are designed for school-age children; some activities have a minimum age requirement. Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment required by April 18. Call (252) 514-4935 to register.

Tuesday, May 6

Parlor Talk

Speaker: Nancy Richards, Tryon Palace Curator of Collections. "Silver: Not Solely a Rich Man's Pleasure" 12:00 p.m. FREE. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. Commission House Parlor
This program will investigate the craft, design, and uses of silver. There will be an

opportunity to examine some of the silver in the Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens collection.

Friday, May 9

Gathering in the Gardens

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. \$25 per person.

Palace Gardens

The Tryon Palace Council of Friends presents a "Gathering in the Gardens" on Friday evening, May 9; gates open at 6:00 p.m. Plan to join your friends for food, beverages, excellent entertainment, and incomparable décor. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Tryon Palace Visitor Center, Cooks and Connoisseurs, Fraser's Wine and Cheese, and Mitchell Hardware, as well as at the gate on the night of the event. Proceeds benefit programming at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.



Saturday, May 10

Garden Lectures

Speaker: Barbara Sullivan, Author & lecturer, Wilmington, NC. "Summer Blooming Plants for the South" 10:00 a.m. FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation. Visitor Center Auditorium
Barbara will share her insight on the plants that survive heat and drought of southern summers to provide us with many colorful and fragrant flowers. To be followed by a book signing by the author. AND (a second lecture – a true "gardeners delight")

Speaker: Dr. Peter White, Director of the NC Botanical Garden and Professor of Botany at UNC-Chapel Hill. "North Carolina's Wildflowers and Ecology" 2:00 p.m. FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation. Visitor Center Auditorium

North Carolina is a state rich in wildflowers. The tropics are renowned for their plant diversity, but that diversity is often in trees and other woody plants. North Carolina deserves recognition for its treasure of wildflowers. Among the reasons for our diversity are the variety of habitats and soils of the state—our plants include the Greenland sandwort, a plant found along Hudson's Bay, in our high mountains, as well as on our coastal plain. We are also a world "hot spot" for carnivorous plants, including the Venus Fly Trap, called by Charles Darwin "the most wonderful plant in the world." This talk will be a survey of the interesting stories of North Carolina's wildflowers, to be followed by a reception with Dr. White.

Thursday, May 15

African American Lecture

Guest Speaker: Dr. William Anderson, Professor of History, Western Carolina University. "Cultural Impacts: Native Americans in America and Europeans among the Cherokee". 7:00 p.m. FREE. Visitor Center Auditorium
Although most people are familiar with how the Native Americans adopted the white man's culture and became "Americanized," many are not aware of what we borrowed from the Indians. They affected virtually every aspect of our lives today including language, government, literature, recreation, medicine, hygiene, and food. European impact on Cherokee culture was most devastating to nature. Europeans also influenced Cherokee politics and society and threatened their entire belief system. Their influence also brought dramatic changes in population size, settlement patterns, and men's and women's traditional roles. Although some European influences were positive, much

was negative, and much of Cherokee culture is lost forever.

Saturday, May 17

Saturday Sampler

New Bern Literary Symposium.

"Journaling and Writing Memoirs"

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. FREE. Visitor Center Auditorium

Memoirs are the jewels that historians seek. They provide insight to events, language, and life style that might otherwise be lost over time. On Saturday May 17, Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens will host the New Bern Literary Symposium as we present two author panel sessions: one in the morning from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Journaling and Memoir Writing and another in the afternoon from 2-4 p.m. in which local authors will uncover the truth about Mystery/Suspense Writing. Come and meet the authors and start journaling now.

Sunday, May 18

African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour

2 p.m. \$4-Adults, \$2-Students. Leaves from Visitor Center Lobby

Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. Reservations required: 252-514-4935. (Minimum Enrollment: 10)

Sunday, May 18

South Lawn Concert Series

Craven Community Concert Band

Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 6:30 p.m. FREE. South Lawn

Pack a picnic and join your family and friends for the first concert of our 2008 South Lawn Concert Series. For this performance by our very own Craven Community Concert Band, please bring your own chairs and blankets, but leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.

June

Summer Garden Hours

June 1-September 1, Gardens open until 7:00 p.m. Last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 14

Garden Lecture

Speaker: Lynn Coulter, Author and Gardener. "Gardening with Heirloom Seeds". 10:00 a.m. FREE. Sponsored by grants from Mary Duke Biddle Foundation & The Harold H. Bate Foundation. Visitor Center Auditorium
Lynn will share her enthusiasm for heirloom seeds, enjoyed by gardeners, cooks, and plant lovers. Discover more about sharing and propagating the seeds of heirloom flowers, fruits, and vegetables. There will be a book signing after the lecture.

Monday, June 16

South Lawn Concert Series

North Carolina Symphony. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

FREE. South Lawn

Pack a picnic and enjoy the beautiful summer blooms in our gardens with family and friends, followed by a thrilling performance by the North Carolina Symphony. Please bring your own chairs and blankets, but leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.



Theatre at the Palace

Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

April 5, 19

May 3, 17

June 7, 21

Come join us and experience the dramatic side of history. You may see an 18th century puppet show, a 19th century play, or another engaging historical vignette. Programs vary, so check often to learn about new ways we're bringing history to life! Admission is included with the purchase of a Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens two-day pass. Call 252-514-4900 for more information on specific performance schedule and locations.

Thursday, June 19

Parlor Talk

Speaker: David Stone, Tryon Palace Blacksmith. "Firearms in Colonial America". 12:00 p.m. FREE. Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided. Commission House Parlor
Firearms were important in colonial America for a variety of reasons: subsistence, defense, justice, trade, politics, and even recreation. Join us for a talk that explores some of the history, technology, and many uses of 18th century firearms.

Monday, June 30

South Lawn Concert Series

440th North Carolina National Guard Concert Band. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., concert begins at 6:30 p.m. FREE.

South Lawn

We are pleased to welcome back the Raleigh-based 440th Army National Guard Band, with their thrilling program of patriotic tunes and hot jazz. Pack a picnic and come early to stroll in the gardens and stake out a good spot on the South Lawn. Please bring your own chairs and blankets, but leave pets and alcoholic beverages at home.



Coming Attractions

• **The Fourth of July. Dramatic Reading of the Declaration of Independence.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE Garden Admission. Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket. *Hear the Declaration read from the Palace steps by costumed characters portraying famous North Carolinians from the Revolutionary era; listen to the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps, and participate in thematic and patriotic craft activities.*

• **New Bern Literary Festival and Book Fair.** July 12, 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. FREE.

Come learn about the historical legacy of African American writers in North Carolina. Meet historians and present-day authors, hear their stories, and purchase their works in this recitation, reception, and book fair.

• **The 1898 Wilmington Race Riot.** July 17, 7:00 p.m. FREE.

Dr. John Haley, Professor Emeritus, UNC-Wilmington, and member of the North Carolina Race Riot Commission explores the origins, leadership, and conduct of the Great White Supremacy Campaign of 1898, and how a combination of political and racial violence led to the overthrow of the legally constituted government in Wilmington. These events resulted in the collapse of African-American political leadership, disfranchisement of African-American voters, legalized Jim Crow, and the institution of a new political order in North Carolina that existed for over a half century.

• **Colonial Camp Life.** Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily. \$200 per person. (\$180 for Council of Friends members) Directed by Camp Flintlock and hosted by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens. *An exciting new program offers an opportunity to 4th-8th grade students to step back into the past and experience*

life before ipods and the internet. At the Colonial Life Day Camp, participants will explore how colonists lived in 18th century North Carolina. They'll participate in numerous hands-on activities that will give them a taste of colonial life, including colonial cooking demonstrations, quill pen writing, colonial dress-up, colonial games, block printing, rag doll making, fife and drum. Come join us this summer, and make history fun! Advance registration before Monday, July 7 is necessary.

Minimum Enrollment: 10

• **Why We Are Called Tar Heels: North Carolina Naval Stores.** August 7, 7:00 p.m. FREE.

Harry Warren, Director of the North Carolina Museum of Forestry, explores the development and economic importance of tar, turpentine, rosin and pitch, and how North Carolinians obtained their colorful nickname.

• **Autumn Garden Hours.** September 2 - October 31, Gardens open until 6:00 p.m. Last ticket sold at 4:30 p.m.

• **Stanly-Spaight Duel Re-enactment.** September 1, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Academy Tours; 4:00 p.m. Fife & Drum Corps Concert followed by Duel Re-enactment. FREE. New Bern Academy Green.

Tour the New Bern Academy, enjoy a concert by the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps, and then watch the spectacle of the September 5, 1802 Stanly-Spaight duel unfold before your eyes. In this historical re-enactment of a duel between nineteenth-century New Bern political rivals, costumed characters will fire reproduction flintlock pistols.

• **Community Day.** September 18, 7 p.m. FREE.

Enjoy a unique opportunity to learn about the various cultural backgrounds that blend to make America great. Come out and sample various dishes from the French, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and American foods. Sharing-Your-Culture Vendors that will show the different nationalities will come in and share this presentation, along with free sample foods.

• **Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession.** September. Time and

price TBA. Visitor Center Auditorium. *Jane Holding brings the title character of Allan Gurganus' 1989 novel, Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All, to life in this special adaptation. Gurganus describes the play as Lucy Marsden's "conversation with the audience and with herself, with almost a hundred years in the world, to try to justify her kindnesses and her crimes and honor her dead."*

• **Something Old, Something New, Something Yada yada yada.** September 27, 10:00 a.m. FREE. Sponsored by The Harold H. Bate Foundation.

Barry Glick, Plant Breeder and Owner of Sunshine Farm & Gardens, gives a humorous yet factual talk on heritage plants, grown two centuries ago and still a valuable part of many gardens. Barry also discusses current plant breeding which has selected many new plants with larger flowers, in more colors and with unique foliage, which add to the wide range of plants currently available.

• **Home School Day.** October 4, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$10 for students, \$12 for adults

Home-school families enjoy interactive activities as well as tours of the Palace and three other historic homes in this popular event. Bring your picnic lunch and spend time immersed in the past. Activities are designed for school-age children; some activities have a minimum age requirement. Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment required by September 20.

• **MUMfest Weekend.** Friday-Sunday, October 10-12. Gardens open Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. FREE Garden Admission, Interior tours require the purchase of a ticket.

Enjoy thousands of chrysanthemums, Heritage Plant Sale, Fife and Drum Corps.

• **Christmas Candlelights Tours.** December 13 and 20

• **Tryon Palace Theater,** first and third Saturdays, 11 a.m.

• **African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour,** third Sundays, 2 p.m. leave from Visitor Center Lobby. Reservations required.



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Friends' funding at TPHS&G

By Karen O'Connell, Coordinator, Tryon Palace Council of Friends

As reported in the Council of Friends' Annual Report, gifts from our members have been very generous and very important this year. The Friends 2008 budget includes \$97,534 to support programming at TPHS&G. This is \$10,000 more than in 2007 and includes funding for the volunteer program, the Fife & Drum Corps, garden education and plant materials, interpretive events, period dress, publications, display and exhibit supplies, and maintenance and development of the Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens website. Thank you to everyone who made this support possible. We hope you will visit the site soon and see your gifts at work!

GATHERING RETURNS: The Tryon Palace Council of Friends will once again sponsor the Gathering in the Gardens fundraising event on Friday, May 9. Charles Deigert is again serving as chairman of the committee, and he has assembled a great committee of able volunteers. Those of you who have attended this event in the past will remember what a great time it is. The evening features lots of delicious food, a variety of beverages, and wonderful entertainment. Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$25 and can be purchased at Cooks and Connoisseurs, Fraser's Wine and Cheese, Mitchell Hardware and the Palace Visitor Center. Gathering in the Gardens is not a Friends-only event – it is open to anyone who purchases a ticket. Proceeds benefit programming at TPHS&G, so mark your calendars and come spend a delightful evening in our beautiful gardens.

MEMBERS-ONLY EVENTS

The Tryon Palace Council of Friends announces the following special events for members only:

• **Preview Garden Sale:** This "members only" special preview sale of Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens annual Garden Lovers Weekend Heritage Plant Sale takes place Thursday, April 10, 5-6:30 p.m. on the lawn outside the Garden Shop. Council of Friends members have the unique opportunity to come early for the best selection of rare plants before the sale opens to the public on the following day. Your membership card is required for admission.

• **Annual meeting and luncheon:** The Council of Friends Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, May 3 is an opportunity to join your fellow members for an update on the Council of Friends and Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens as well as enjoying good company and good food. Invitations to exclusive events like this are just one of the many benefits of membership in the Tryon Palace Council of Friends.

BE A FRIEND

You, too, can enjoy the benefits and satisfaction of supporting North Carolina's colonial capitol and its surrounding history. For information, contact Karen O'Connell, 252-514-4933 or koconnell@tryonpalace.org.

IN THESHOPS

Warmer Days for Gardens and Barbeques

These warmer days will remind us that gardening is good for the soul...but it can be hard on your skin.

The Craft and Garden Shop features For The Gardener collection that is designed to soothe and moisturize delicate skin after a session of digging in the dirt!

Our Lemongrass and Lavender specialty products include Hand Scrub, Muscle Soak and even Nail and Cuticle Cream that will help you relax, unwind, and repair after every visit with Mother Nature.



It's no secret that North Carolina boasts some of the finest barbeque in the world; but few know that the basis of the cooking technique we call barbeque originated in Early America in the area of what became the Old North State. The Shops of Tryon Palace feature our own signature brand of Barbeque Sauce, Sweet Bourbon Glaze, and Vidalia Onion & Peach Hot Sauce to use in your own personal BBQ technique. And if you need further assistance in creating the perfect barbeque we carry an array of cookbooks.


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